

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments provided above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-15 are currently pending in the Application.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1, 4-13 and 15 are amended including for better conformance to U.S. practice, such as amending dependent claims to begin with "The" as opposed to "A" as well as correcting certain informalities noted upon review of the claims. By these amendments, claims 1, 4-13 and 15 are not amended to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1 and 4-14 are allowed.

In the Office Action, claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,568,083 to Taniguchi ("Taniguchi"). It is respectfully submitted

that claim 15 is allowable over Taniguchi for at least the following reasons.

The Office Action has taken a position that "the shell, 20 [of Taniguchi], envelops at least the front half of the housing, which can be considered as, at least a circumference of the housing." This interpretation of what is shown by the shell 20 of Taniguchi is respectfully refuted. It is respectfully submitted that the shell 20 does not envelope a circumference of the housing behind the at least one shaving head when mounted to the housing. However, in the interest of expediting consideration and allowance of the pending claims, the Applicants have elected to amend claim 15 to recite "a shell structure mostly enveloping the housing behind the at least one shaving head up to a power plug socket when mounted to the housing ...". It is respectfully submitted that the shell of Taniguchi clearly does not mostly envelope the housing.

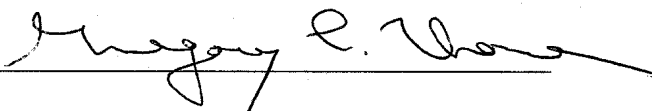
Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 15 is patentable over Taniguchi and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of

argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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